

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Described is a method and system for providing a user with a personalized shipment system. The user is registered by providing user data which is associated with a unique user identifier. Label data is generated for each of a plurality of labels. Each label includes a unique label identifier in a machine language. The label identifier is associated with the user identifier in a computer database. An item to be shipped is received; the item includes one of the labels and recipient data which includes a destination data of the item. It is determined if ~~Determination is made whether~~ the destination data is in a machine language. If ~~When~~ the destination data is not in a machine language, the destination data is translated into machine language destination data. The unique label identifier and the machine language destination data are obtained from the item using a machine capable of reading the machine language during the shipment of the item. The tracking data is recorded in the computer database based on the machine language unique label identifier and the machine language data. The tracking data regarding shipment progress of the item is provided in response to a request referencing at least one of the user identifier and the destination data.